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Purchase of stores from foreign countries.

* 339 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any communication from the Centre that this Government should not enter into contracts with the agents of India for the supply of stores from the United Kingdom but that they should purchase only through the Director-General of the India Stores Department in London?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With a view to encourage the Indian industry, the Government of India have issued instructions to all State Governments to utilise the agency of the Directorate-General of Supplies and Disposals, New Delhi, to the fullest extent possible in the matter of obtaining stores from all countries abroad."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் மூலமாக வெளி நாடுகளிலிருந்து பொருள்களை வாங்குவதில் சில ஊழல்கள் இருக்கின்றன, என்பதைப் பார்க்கிறோம். **Fertilizers scandal** போன்ற பல ஊழல்கள் வெளியாகி இருக்கின்றன. அப்படி இருக்கும்போது ராஜ்யத்திற்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய கொஞ்ச நஞ்ச அதிகாரத்தையும் ஏன் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு கொடுக்கவேண்டும் ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of handing over of what we have got to the Central Government. We have to look into the question from the point of view of what is in the best interests of the country as a whole. The Director-General of Supplies has got information with regard to the various industries located in the country and he will be able to tell us whether a particular commodity is indigenously manufactured and is available in this country or whether we have to obtain that commodity from abroad. That is the reason why we always indent through the Director-General of Supplies and Disposals."

Inundation of lands in Tedamuthukulam from excess discharge from the Karalayakulam tank.

* 340 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ayacutdars of Tedamuthukulam in Mangadu vattam of Alangudi taluk, Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, complained to the Government and to the district officials of heavy inundation of their lands from excess discharge from the foreshore of Karalayakulam tank in Kothamangalam–Koramangalam area of Pattukkottai taluk in Tanjore district;

(*b*) whether the Food Production officials of Tanjore district promised the ryots of Tedamuthukulam to take immediate preventive steps against such inundation from the Karalayakulam tank in Tanjore;

(*c*) what the promised preventive steps were; and

(*d*) the steps taken by the Food Production officials of Tanjore district to implement their promise?